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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Shuangyi Abu-Ali

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04/18/2005
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent No. 4,234,466 to Takahashi et al.

Regarding claim 1, Takahashi et al. disclose a solid pigment comprising of 1-70% of pigment (col. 4, lines 9 and 10) and 27-96% at least one ethylenically unsaturated polymerisable compound (col. 3, lines 22 and 23) and 3-60% a resin (col. 3, lines 49 and 50).

Regarding claim 2, Takahashi et al. disclose a solid pigment comprising a titanium dioxide pigment having bead particle in the range of 0.1-0.5mm (col. 8, lines 36 and 37). Although they are silent about the surface area as applicant set forth in claim 2, it is the position of the Examiner that the surface area of a particle is the function of the size and shape of the particle, the claimed surface area would be inherent to of Takahashi et al. See MPEP 2112.

Regarding claim 3, Takahashi et al. disclose an ethylenically unsaturated polymerisable compound, a resin and a pigment mixed by a conventional dispersing

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machine such as roller mill, a colloid mill, a fluid energy mill, an oscillation ball mill, and ball mill (col. 4, lines 16 – 22).

Regarding claim 4, Takahashi et al. disclose that the solid pigment is incorporated by stirring (col. 8, line 33).

Regarding claim 5, Takahashi et al. disclose the solid pigment used in a coating composition (col. 8, line 46). Water is used in the process of making solid pigment (col. 3, lines 25 and 30).

Regarding claim 6, Takahashi et al. disclose the solid pigment can be used in coloring plastic and powdery paint (col. 8, lines 1-4). They also disclosed that the pigment and resin could be mixed through hot kneader, extruder and a hot miller (col. 1, lines 19-22)

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Conclusion

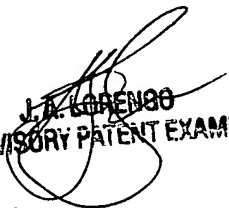
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Such prior art is listed on PTO-892 B-D. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shuangyi Abu-Ali whose telephone number is 571-272-6453. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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